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1. ROMANIAN MINISTER OF MINES BUJOR ALMASAN TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 27 HE HAD SENT HIS FIRST DEPUTY TO BUJUMBURA THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS NICKEL PROJECT. ALMASAN SAID ROMANIANS WILLING PARTICIPATE IN TEMPELSMAN CONSORTIUM AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN TEMPELSMAN'S ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENTS, ALTHOUGH HE DID REFER TO AN EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE DEGREE TO WHICH BURUNDI AUTHORITIES HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO WORKING THROUGH TEMPELSMAN. THAT ASPECT NOW SEEMS CLEARED UP, BUT SOME DOUBT APPARENTLY REMAINS ON HOW ROMANIANS FIT INTO PICTURE, WHICH IS APPARENTLY WHAT ALMASAN'S DEPUTY IS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT. ROMANIANS ARE PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY FOR FEAR OF GIVING GOB IMPRESSION OF BEING HUSTLED INTO UNFAVORABLE BARGAIN.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PASSING ABOVE TO AMBASSADOR (RETD.) WILLIAM MCCORMICK BLAIR IN WASHINGTON. BARNES

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